

ARIZONA CODE OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

Part 1: Judicial Branch Administration

Chapter 1: Leadership

Section 1-105: Committee on Superior Court

- A. General Purpose.** The Committee on Superior Court (COSC) is established as a standing committee of the Arizona Judicial Council. COSC shall assist the council and the supreme court in the development and implementation of policies designed to improve the quality of justice, access to the courts and efficiency in court operations. COSC shall identify the needs of the superior court and study the internal operation of the superior court. COSC shall also analyze and plan for future developments and recommend uniform administrative policies and procedures to improve judicial administration.
- B. Membership.** COSC is composed of the following members:
1. The associate presiding judges of Maricopa and Pima counties;
 2. Representatives from four non-metropolitan counties, two of which must be presiding judges.
 3. Three presiding judges of special divisions;
 4. Six judges of the superior court;
 5. Two superior court clerks: one representing urban courts, the other representing rural courts;
 6. Two court administrators, one representing urban courts, the other representing rural courts;
 7. The chairperson of the Committee on Probation;
 8. A representative of the State Bar of Arizona;
 9. A public member; and
 10. Such other members as may be appointed at the discretion of the chief justice.
- C. Terms of Members.** COSC members holding membership by virtue of their positions are members of COSC so long as they hold their respective positions. The chief justice shall appoint the other members of COSC for terms of varying lengths to encourage continuity on COSC. Committee members may be reappointed for successive terms.
- D. Responsibilities of Members.** COSC members shall attend and actively participate in COSC meetings, assist with the administration of COSC affairs, and shall serve on other advisory committees

as deemed necessary.

- E. Organization.** The chief justice shall appoint the chairperson of COSC and other leadership as needed to organize committee affairs. The chairperson may appoint ad hoc advisory committees to help COSC carry out its responsibilities.
- F. Meetings.** COSC shall meet no less than twice a year. Additional meetings may be called at the discretion of the chairperson. All meetings shall be noticed and open to the public.
- G. Actions.** COSC shall adopt rules for conducting COSC business. These rules shall prescribe the quorum and majority needed to constitute COSC actions.
- H. Staff.** Under the direction of the chief justice, the administrative office shall provide staff to assist and support COSC and may conduct or coordinate management projects and research studies related to judicial administration as recommended by COSC.

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